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SUBJ: TRILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON MFA EXTENSION

REF: TOKYO 12183

1. US TEXTILE TEAM PERPLEXED BY IMPLICATION OF REFTTEL BY STATEMENT THAT GOJ DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY EMBASSY OFFICIAL AND ONLY ONE MEMBER OF FONOFF WILL COME TO WASHINGTON. THIS WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE, ON FACE VALUE, THAT GOJ WAS DOWNGRADING BOTH REPRESENTATION AND IMPORTANCE OF TRILATERAL TALKS.

2. DURING THE TWO PREVIOUS TRILATERAL SESSIONS (LONDON AND TOKYO) GOJ SIDE WAS CHAIRED BY MISOGUICHI. NOW, FOR THE WASHINGTON ROUND, FOR THE GOJ NOT TO SEND MISOGUICHI OR MATSUDA WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE THE GOJ IS NOT SERIOUS ABOUT THESE CONSULTATIONS OR PREPARED TO TALK IN CONCRETE TERMS, ESPECIALLY AS MATSUDA MADE IT CLEAR TO USDEL LAST WEEK THAT FONOFF WOULD BE GOJ SPOKESMAN ON MFA RENEWAL.

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3. FURTHERMORE, EVEN IF USG WERE TO AGREE TO POSSIBILITY OF LOW LEVEL GOJ REPRESENTATION, IT IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN EC (MEYNELL) WILL NOT RPT NOT.

4. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CLARIFY GOJ INTENTIONS, DRAWING UPON FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) USG HAD LOOKED FORWARD TO MEANINGFUL TRILATERAL TALKS IN SEPTEMBER.

B) FOR SUCH TALKS TO BE MEANINGFUL, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PARTICIPANTS HAVE BOTH KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBJECT AND THE AUTHORITY TO SPEAK ON IT.

C) HENCE, USG HOPES AND ASSUMES GOJ WILL SENT APPROPRIATE LEVEL FONOFF OFFICIALS TO THIS TRILATERAL MEETING.

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